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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: A-7 AIRCRAFT

1. EMBOFF HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY LOCAL BUSINESSMAN, WELL-KNOWN TO EMBASSY AND MEMBER OF PROMINENT FAMILY, WITH REPORT THAT LTV IS IN FAIRLY ADVANCED STAGE OF DISCUSSIONS WITH GOE OFFICIALS REGARDING PURCHASE OF UP TO 48 A-7 AIRCRAFT. SOURCE, MR. HANY GARRANA, WHO WAS RECENTLY IN DALLAS AT COMPANY'S REQUEST, TELLS US HE WAS ADVISED BY LTV TO REPORT DEVELOPMENTS TO EMBASSY IN ORDER INSURE THAT WE WERE INFORMED.

2. ACCORDING TO GARRANA, WHO IS COMPANY'S LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE ON FULL RANGE OF INTERESTS, INCLUDING MASS TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS, AND HAS ONLY RECENTLY BECOME INVOLVED IN AIRCRAFT MATTERS, LTV OFFICIALS HAVE DISCUSSED EGYPT'S INTEREST IN A-7 WITH MARWAN AND OTHER OFFICIALS (INCLUDING ALLEGEDLY, PRESIDENT SADAT). PRESIDENT OF COMPANY RETURNED TO DALLAS FROM WASHINGTON VISIT WHILE GARRANA WAS THERE LATE LAST MONTH, REPORTEDLY VERY OPTIMISTIC THAT USG AGREEMENT TO SELL IS POSSIBLE IN NEAR FUTURE. INITIAL TRANSACTION WOULD BE STRAIGHT PURCHASE, WITH CO-PRODUCTION EVENTUAL GOAL. IN LATTER CASE ARAB ORGANIZATION FOR INDUSTRIALIZATION WOULD BE INVOLVED.

3. COMMENT: GARRANA ADMITTED THAT HE HIMSELF WAS NOT SO CONFIDENT THAT US WOULD PERMIT SALE OF A-7 TO EGYPT, BUT WAS WILLING TO REPORT VIEWS OF COMPANY SINCE HE ASSUMED THAT THEY WERE IN BETTER POSITION TO KNOW. HE ALSO SAID THAT
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ALL PARTIES WERE VERY INTERESTED IN HAVING THIS MATTER HANDLED

IN A COMPLETELY OPEN AND ABOVE BOARD MANNER.

4. THIS IS FIRST EMBASSY HAS HEARD OF THIS PARTICULAR EFFORT.
WE UNDERSTAND FROM GARRANA, HOWEVER, THAT DEPARTMENT IS
AWARE OF EGYPTIAN INTEREST IN A-7.
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